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2009 BUDGET ADOPTED

The fiscal year 2009 operating budget was adopted by the City Council on January 20, 2009, and includes the following:

- Fund 1 - the General Fund has estimated revenue of \$8,464,062 and proposed appropriations of \$7,935,712. The general fund budget projects surplus funds of \$528,350 for 2009.
- Of the special funds, the rental car tax revenue is dedicated to retire the debt on the public safety facility (payments due Wachovia); it is supplemented \$18,530 by the general fund. The Emergency 911 fund is supplemented \$297,105 by the general fund. 911 fees and 911 Wireless fees remain at \$1.50 – the maximum allowed by state law. The City storm water utility fund is fully funded by those fees; any fees not used for the City storm water utility are transferred to the County utility for system repairs and improvements.
- For budget purposes, the millage rate is 6.5 mills; final rate will be set by Council after a public hearing in May 2009 when final assessment numbers are received from DeKalb County. Projected revenue from ad valorem tax on property and motor vehicles is \$3,526,138 which represents approximately 41.2% of non-dedicated revenues. Senior and disabled citizens remain exempt from city tax but, effective in 2009, newly-qualified will NOT be exempt from sanitation fees.
- The budget includes an increase in hotel/motel tax from 3% to 5% - these are non-dedicated revenues.
- There are no appropriations for employee salary increases or capital improvements including matching grant funds. There is \$27,890 appropriated for capital equipment in the police department (lease payments for video cameras and false alarm software) and \$5,000 is re-appropriated for new court software that was not purchased in 2008.
- Pre-audit surplus/reserve fund balance is estimated to be \$1,500,000; the increase from this proposed budget will bring that amount to \$2,028,350. It is City policy to keep one quarter of operating expense (\$1,983,928) in reserve which will leave \$44,422 for emergencies or special projects. Also note that, of the estimated \$1.5 million surplus ending 2008 and/or of the projected \$2,028,350 for 2009, approximately \$590,000 is a receivable on the public safety building debt due the general fund from rental car tax. This receivable will continue to increase at current trend, and, if the rental car tax continues to be a revenue source, it will not begin to pay the receivable to the general fund until after the debt is retired in 2013.

Any questions on the budget may be directed to Jim Gleason, City Manager at 770-986-5013 or jgleason@chambleega.com.

NOTES:

The March 19th General meeting of the Chamblee Business Association will feature Dekalb County CEO Burrell Ellis as our speaker. The General Meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Chamblee Civic Center, 3540 Broad Street, Chamblee GA 30341. Doors open at 7:45am and the program starts at 8am. Guests and Members are \$5; first time visitors are free. Coffee and Danish provided. To sign up for CBA meetings, Business After Hours, and special programs, go to www.chambleebusinessassociation.com

Senior Connections

Senior Connections, a nonprofit organization located in DeKalb County has opened Connections Café. Patrons of Connections Café can choose from many healthy meal options such as soup and salads, fresh fruit, and sandwiches at a reasonable cost. Mixed with its cafeteria setting, Connections Café also offers a lounge and computer area for its guests.

Connections Café is located directly across from the Chamblee Marta Station at 5238 Peachtree Road in Chamblee. Lunch hours are Monday through Friday from 11am to 2pm. For more information on Connections Café or any services provided by Senior Connections, please call 770-455-7602, or visit www.srconn.org.

Camp Chamblee Extended!!

This year we have more camp availability than ever before. We are even offering a Spring Break Camp with a beach theme for those unable to get away! Fees are only \$60 per week for our City residents! Just \$90 per week for non residents. Plus no added fees for early drop off or late pick up this year!! We are also offering two weeks of M&M Soccer Camp again this summer for \$80 per week for all campers. Our camp schedule is as follows:

Spring Break Camp:
Water, Water Everywhere! – April 6 – 10

Summer Camp Chamblee:
May 26 – June 26
July 6 – August 7

M&M Soccer Camp (half days):
June 1 – 5
July 27 – 31



See the website for weekly theme details and field trip information! Registration will begin for all camps on March 2 for City residents and March 16 for everyone. We will take applications until full. Camp is limited to 60 campers per week so sign up early! Call Jennifer at 770-986-5016 for more information.

Teens wanted!

We're going to need some help to run our new Spring Break Camp! We are looking for responsible High School Seniors and/or college students who love working with kids and playing outdoors! It's tough to find work these days. Get \$9 an hour to have fun in the sun! Counselors who impress us may be offered a position on the summer staff. This is a great opportunity! Call 770-986-5016 to make an appointment.

Chamblee Community Wildlife Habitats

There is a lot going on right now with our Habitat program. Tom Reilly is going forward quickly with the schoolyard habitat at Chamblee Middle School. He has quite a group of students involved, and raised bed gardens are coming along nicely.

DeKalb Tech students are planning a stream program for our creek running from GM into Nancy Creek, with stream monitoring, clean-up, and visits to auto dealers and repair shops about keeping our water clean. As you may remember, 95 tires were pulled from the creek during last October's Rivers Alive stream clean-up.

Our meetings are held each month on the first Monday at 7:30 PM at D'Youville Condominiums from September through May. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings, which feature top notch gardeners and wildlife folks. Our program on March 2 will be Claire Hayes, from Dunwoody Nature Center. April 6 will be a big event – especially for our youngsters, as Jim Yellow Horseman, a Peace Elder with our Native Americans and world renowned as a speaker and writer, will present a program and crafts for all ages. Again, all are invited! Visit Jim's website at www.yellowhorseman.com to learn more about him. May is still to be determined, but may feature Kay Packard and her slides and program on backyard habitats.

A quick garden hint – mark your flower bulbs so that you can dig them up and divide them in the Fall!